



County Seat: White Sulphur Springs

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DEMOGRAPHICS	Meagher					Montana				
Area	2,392 square miles					145,552 square miles				
Population Density and Status	0.8/ sq. mi. (frontier)					6.2/ sq. mi. (11 rural and 45 frontier counties)				
Urban Population	0 (0%)					487,878 (54%)				
Population ¹ :	Male	Female	White	Am Ind	Other	Male	Female	White	Am Ind	Other
Gender	968	964	1,878	20	34	449,480	452,715	817,229	56,068	28,898
Race	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	<18	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	<18
Age	96	149	142	96	483	54,869	61,963	69,298	43,932	230,062
	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	18+	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	18+
	117	439	542	351	1,449	85,757	245,220	220,207	120,949	672,133
	Total Population: 1,932					Total Population: 902,195				
Educational Attainment of Population 25 years or Older ¹	HS Graduate (or GED)		Bachelor Degree			HS Graduate (or GED)		Bachelor Degree		
	83%		19%			87%		24%		
Full- and Part-time Employment, by Industry (three largest)	Largest industries and percent of all jobs					Largest industries and percent of all jobs				
	Services (25.1%) Farm (21.7%) Retail trade (13.0%)					Services (30.6%) Retail trade (18.8%) State and local government (11.4%)				
	(Notable others ≥ 10% of all jobs)					State and local government None				
Unemployment Rate ²	5.9%					4.6%				
Median Household Income ¹	\$29,375					\$33,024				
Per Capita Income ¹	\$15,019					\$17,151				
Percent of Population Below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) ¹ : by Age by Income as a Percent of FPL	All ages		<18	18+	65+	All ages		<18	18+	65+
	18.9%		27%	16%	13%	14.6%		19%	13%	9%
	50%	100%		150%	200%	50%	100%		150%	200%
	10%	18.9%		30%	45%	6%	14.6%		26%	37%
Percent of Population with Health Care Costs covered by a Government Payor	Medicaid		Medicare			Medicaid		Medicare		
	9%		20%			11%		15%		
Persons 21 Years and Older with a Disability ¹ (percent)	21 - 64		65 and older			21 - 64		65 and older		
	145 (14%)		119 (36%)			85,337 (17%)		45,284 (40%)		
Live Births per 1,000 Population ³	12.2 (n = 117)					12.1 (n = 54,193)				
Deaths per 1,000 Population ³	11.5 (n = 110)					8.8 (n = 39,527)				
Median Age:	Male	Fem	White	Am Ind	All	Male	Fem	White	Am Ind	All
by Gender, Race ¹	42.7	42.8	42.9	38.5	42.8	36.6	38.5	38.8	24.4	37.5
at Death ³	77	82.5	80	n/a	80	75	81	78	62	78
(number of deaths)	(56)	(54)	(110)	(0)	(110)	(20,498)	(19,029)	(37,589)	(1,789)	(39,527)

¹ 2000 Census.

² MT Dept. Labor & Industry, 2001.

³ 1996-2000, Office of Vital Statistics.

COUNTY HEALTH PROFILE
September 2002

HEALTH STATUS INDICATORS	Meagher			Montana				
Fertility Rates ⁴ (teen births per 1,000 teen females; all births per 1,000 females of childbearing age)	Teen		All Women	Teen		All Women		
	55.6 (n=19)		73.2 (n=117)	36.9 (n=6,460)		58.8 (n=53,995)		
Prenatal Care (percent beginning care in the first trimester; percent receiving adequate, i.e., early and continuous prenatal care) ⁴	1 st Trimester		Adequacy	1 st Trimester		Adequacy		
	65.8%		66.7%	82.5%		72.6%		
Percent Low Birthweight ⁴ (below 5 lbs. 8 oz.)	6.8%			6.5%				
Infant Mortality (deaths per 1,000 live births) ⁴	8.5			6.7				
Cancer Incidence Rate (diagnoses per 100,000 population) ⁵	433.9 (95% C.I. ±131.4)			443.6 (95% C.I. ±6.1)				
Leading Causes of Death ⁴	1. HEART DISEASE 2. CANCER 3. CLRD			1. HEART DISEASE 2. CANCER 3. CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE				
Heart Disease Death Rate (per 100,000 population) ⁴	375.3 (n=36)			229.4 (n=10,248)				
Motor Vehicle Accident Death Rate (per 100,000 population) ⁴	41.7 (n=4)			23.3 (n=1,043)				
Suicide Rate (per 100,000 population) ⁴	10.4 (n=1)			18.5 (n=827)				
Traumatic Injury Death Rate (per 100,000 population) ⁴	93.8 (n=9)			63.7 (n=2,847)				
Percent of Motor Vehicle Crashes Involving Alcohol	15.6% (n=33)			9.5% (n=10,688)				
Percent of the Medicaid Population Receiving Mental Health Services (FY2001)	11.9%			19.6%				
Percent of 2-yr. Olds Seen by a Health Care Provider that are Fully Immunized (2001)	94% (n=16)			92% (n=1,965)				
STD Incidence (reported cases per 100,000)	20.8 (n=2)			160.9 (n=7,191)				
HEALTH RESOURCE ASSESSMENT, 2002	Meagher			Montana				
Local Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals (CAH), and Total Number of Beds	Local Hospitals		CAH	# beds	Local Hospitals		CAH	# beds
	0		1	6	36 local; 2 child/adult psych; 1 VA		27	2,937
Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, IHS and Tribal Health Facilities (number)	RHCs	FQHCs	IHS & Tribal		RHCs	FQHCs	IHS & Tribal	
	1	0	0		36	14	17	
Availability of Basic and Enhanced 9-1-1 Services	Basic + Enhanced				Basic-all counties; Enhanced-16 counties			
Availability of Emergency Medical Services: Basic Life Support Services Advanced Life Support Services	#	Meagher County Locations						
	1	White Sulpur Springs						
	0	N/A						
Nursing Homes (number of facilities and beds)	1 (31 beds)				105 (7,733 beds)			
Aging Services: number of Personal Care Home [PC], Adult Foster Care [AFC], and Adult Day Care [ADC] Licenses	PC (# beds)		AFC	ADC	PC (# beds)		AFC	ADC
	0 (0)		0	0	147 (3,173)		106	64
Home Care Services: number of Home Health Agency [HHA] and Hospice Licenses	HHA		Hospice		HHA		Hospice	
	1		0		51		30	
Public Health Resources: number of full-time equivalent Public Health Nurses [PHN], Registered Sanitarians [RS], Registered Dietitians [RD], and Health Educators [HlthEd]	PHN	RS	RD	HlthEd	PHN	RS	RD	HlthEd
	0.5	0.25	0.1	0	116.1	81.5	14.4	26.9
Primary Care Provider Resources: number of doctors [MDs and DOs], Nurse Midwives [NMW], Nurse Practitioners [NP], and Physician's Assistants [PA-C]	MD/DO	NMW	NP	PA-C	MD/DO	NMW	NP	PA-C
	3	0	0	1	1,060	31	298	210
Dental Resources: Dentists and Dental Hygienists	1 dentists		0 hygienists		477 dentists		391 hygienists	
Health Care Provider Shortage Status:	Federal HPSA: None							
Health Professional Shortage Areas [HPSA]	Mental Health HPSA: Yes				Dental HPSA: None			
Medically Underserved Areas or Populations [MUA/MUP]	MUA/MUP: All							

⁴ 1996-2000, Office of Vital Statistics.

⁵ 1996-2000 average, age-adjusted to 2000 standard-million population, Montana Central Tumor Registry, DPHHS.

* Non-transporting